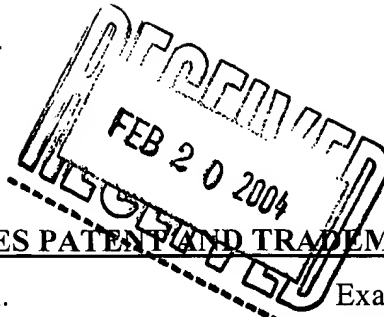


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PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2003, said period of response being extended from January 8, 2004 to February 9, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee.
Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully Submitted

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